

**Loudoun County Local Human Rights Committee (LC-LHRC)
Meeting Minutes**

April 25, 2012 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM

Location: Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, 906 Trailview Blvd., Leesburg, VA 20175

2. Those present:

LC-LHRC Members

Delores Grigsby
Ron Johnston, Chair
Barbara Franklin
Kelli Nemer

Absent with regrets:

Kimberly Higginson

Others:

Angie Baumgartner, Loudoun County Mental Health
Ann Stockbridge, Family Priorities
Arlene Dunlap, ECHO
Beth Mack, MHSAD
Brittany Simmons, ECHO
Christine Shea, MHSAD
Emily Johnson, NOVA
Haley Gleason, SJCS
Jesse Kushner
Kelly Neverson, North Spring
Kendall McCarthy, NCG
Kim Johnson, CCI
Lori Perkins, Grafton INH
Lorri Murray, ECHO
Mark Seymour, Reg. HR Advocate
Martha Loughhead, Community Residences
Mary Ellen Freda, ECHO
Maureen Fowler, INOVA Loudoun Hospital
Melody Vielbig, Hoffmann and Lebeda
Michele Kasen, Green Meadows
Peter Whang, Community Concepts
Sandy Porteous, PHILLIPS
Shafinah Soonsudin, IFCS
Tim Ogden, Grafton INH

3. Committee observed 10 minute public comment period.

- a. Please contact Ron Johnston if you need a closed session.
- b. Michele Kasen of Green Meadows stated that they have begun respite services.
- c. Shafinah Soonsudin from IFCS stated that they have begun a crisis stabilization program that is home based. This includes 24 hour on-call service.
- d. Martha Loughhead from Community Residences – Brambleton Home recently had a 12 months audit with no citations. Ron Johnston stated that his daughter does reside at Brambleton.

4. Committee moved into a closed session at 10:28 AM.
5. Committee returned for regular session at 11:01 AM.
6. A motion was made by Barbara Franklin to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved.
7. State update was given by Mark Seymour. The state has decided to close the NVTC. Between the present time and 202, there will be an influx of intellectually disabled and physically disabled people entering communities. A number of private children's programs have been closed due to corporate decisions. There is a new 75 bed training home opening in Chesapeake. Kevin Paluscak is the new NOVA regional advocate replacing Deb Lockhart.
8. An overview of the PHILLIPS programs was presented by Sandy Porteous. PHILLIPS started 45 years ago as a special education school. It is a non-profit program out of Annandale for families and children ages 6 to 22 who are primarily BD and ED. In Loudoun County, the programs will be home based, non clinical therapeutic programs. PHILLIPS does have an approved human rights policy and procedures.

A motion was made by Kelli Nemer to accept PHILLIPS as an affiliated member of the LHRC. All approved, motion carried.
9. The annual LHRC mandatory meeting is held in January. All members must be represented at this meeting. One signed annual report plus the affiliated provider data form are required from each member.
10. Ron Johnston was reappointed as an LHRC member. Delores Grigsby made a motion to accept Ron on the Board. The motion was approved.
11. Election of new officers for the year 2013. Ron Johnston was nominated to be Chairperson by Kelli Nemer. The motion was approved.
12. The next LHRC meeting will be July 25, 2012. The last meeting for the year is on October 24, 2012, at which time the dates for the 2013 meetings will be determined.
13. There will be one open and one closed review of reports. ECHO was asked to respond to an issue with verbal abuse. Lorri Murray of ECHO explained that the site supervisor involved was put on administrative leave after ECHO learned of the incident. The site supervisor was subsequently terminated. A corrective action plan is being formulated, and training has been done and is ongoing.
14. Other Business—Jesse Kushner from PERS (Professional Education and Respite Services) was introduced. PERS began in 2005 as a solely in-home supported program. They use an intensive education model involving behavior management, parent training and respite care. PERS currently has 12 consumers and 12 employees. Chris Cart is currently looking at their license application. PERS does have an approved human rights policy and procedures.

Deloris Grigsby made a motion to accept PERS as an affiliated member of the LHRC. All approved, motion carried.
15. The Board moved into an executive session to review a report submitted by North Spring Behavioral.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.